

Supplemental

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Examiner's amendment dated on 7/30/2008 is acknowledged.

Applicant's amendment and response filed on 3/25/2008 are acknowledged and entered.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, 13, 18, 19, 23, and 24 are amended, and claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 16, 17, 20 and 21 are cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 10-13, 15, 18, 19 and 22-26 are currently pending and are under consideration in this Office Action.

Applicant's arguments, see pages 6-9, filed on 3/25/2008, with respect to the amendment under prior art of record have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 10-13, 15, 18, 19 and 22-26 has been withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 10-13, 15, 18, 19 and 22-26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 10-13, 15, 18, 19 and 22-26 are allowable for the reasons amended and argued by the applicant in the response filed on 3/25/2008. And the reason amended by the examiner dated on 7/30/2008.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KEVIN M. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7697. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00-5:00.

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